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February 13, 1991

Dr. John Reps
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Dear John:

I understand you are coming to St. Louis again and I look forward to seeing you.

On one of your prior visits, we discussed two city plans, one for Missouri City and one for Iron Mountain City. These were prepared in Boston about 1858. You did not include them in your Western U.S. City planning book because I presume Missouri was not considered western in your definition.

I was looking for some background information on those city plans and wondered if you have any citations in your file or whether you have any data relating to their preparation. I realize that neither was built.

My kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric

Eric P. Newman

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February 27, 1991

Dr. John W. Reps
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Dear John:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of **Missouri City** as published by your Historic Urban Plans operation. Evelyn and I have just mounted in our living room the two city plans which have been sitting in our attic for years. I now believe we appreciate them much more than we previously did. I had thought they were later in date but 1836 makes them exciting.

As you suggested, I began to do a trifle of research on them and find that your reproduction has been cited as a reference in a publication, the photocopy of pertinent portions of which are enclosed. This makes your reproductions source material. He even copies your text. The source of your data is enclosed and is the only background I have found.

Again, thank you very much for cooperation in my inquiry.

Our best regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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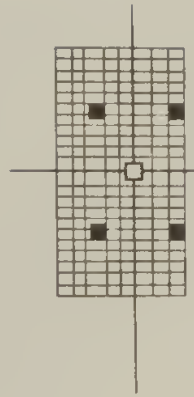

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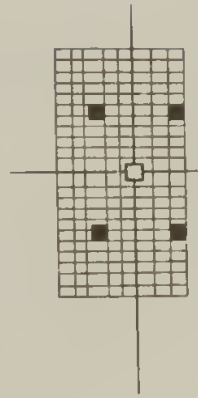

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June 22, 1992

Mr. Eric Newman
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Dear Eric:

I have a further favor to ask of you. For a book with the working title, Cities of the Mississippi, I would like permission to reproduce the following items from your collection. These are the captions with the credit line as it will appear below each image.

> Plan of St. Louis, Including the late Additions. From Lewis C[aleb] Beck, A Gazetteer of the States of Illinois and Missouri. Albany: Charles R. and George Webster, 1823. Engraving, 6 1/4 x 15 3/8 in. (15.9 x 39 cm.).
> Eric and Evelyn Newman Collection

> Partial View of St. Louis Unsigned. Engraved by [William L.] Leney and [William] Rollison in New York City, published by the Bank of St. Louis in 1817. Line engraving on $10.00 bank note, 2 11/16 x 6 11/16 in. (6.9 x 17 cm.). View only, 1 3/8 x 2 5/8 in. (3.4 x 6.6 cm.).
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> Eric and Evelyn Newman Collection

The manuscript is now out to a university press. I can only hope that the increasing cost of color printing will not keep the press from accepting it. This presents nineteenth-century views (and a few plans) of cities along the river from St. Cloud to New Orleans.

I hope things go well with you. Please give my regards to Mrs. Newman. I still remember with pleasure seeing you in St. Louis at my lecture at Washington University.

Sincerely,

John W. Reps
Professor Emeritus

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June 29, 1992

Dear John:

Your detailed June 22, 1992 letter for permission to use three of our St. Louis items is at hand. The answer is yes, naturally. However I wonder why you use the word "unsigned " with respect to the "Partial View of St. Louis". The banknote has the engravers' name on it Leney & Rollinson. I presume you think the artist could be a different person. The artist was usually the engraver. I only worry that some will be misled by the word unsigned.

Please send us the book when it comes out.

Our kindest regards to our enthusiastic researcher friend.

Sincerely,

Eric

Eric P. Newman

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January 21, 1993

Mr. Eric Newman
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Dear Eric:

Did my letter of last summer ever reach you? I am enclosing an undated copy (unfortunately, my computer puts the current date on everything) that probably was mailed to you in August before Mrs. Reps and I went to Australia for three months.

Acceptance of the manuscript of Cities of the Mississippi is still pending at the University of Missouri Press. The Director has had a strongly positive reaction from one reader, and apparently a second reader now has it. The Director herself is enthusiastic about the possibilities of publishing it.

There may yet be a problem of publication because of the high cost of good quality color reproduction, and the Director has told me that outside help will be required. She doubtless has some contacts among supporters of the Press, and I hope she is successful in the search.

This is likely to be my last major book and will round out the total at an even dozen. You probably have not seen my book on Washington that the University of North Carolina Press published late in 1991. It is called Washington on View and is a very beautiful job of book production.

In it I tried to use a novel method of presenting--on facing oversize pages--the written evidence of the city at a particular period in its development (left hand page) with the corresponding graphic evidence (right hand page). Eight or so of these "folios" follow each of the nine chapters.

In the Mississippi River cities book I am using this same technique, except that the folios will be grouped together at the end of the eight chapters. Readers can page through the folios beginning with many descriptions and illustrations of New Orleans that compare text and views of the same era. The journey continues up the Mississippi with stops at dozens of places and ending at St. Cloud, Minnesota.

For twenty-three cities along the river a pilot-photographer and I have collaborated in producing remarkable side-by-side comparisons of 19th-century bird's-eye perspectives with modern color photos.

These have been taken so as to reproduce an image whose borders correspond almost exactly with the older, hand-drawn depiction.

I look forward to hearing from you with a note granting me permission to reproduce the three important items from your collection.

Best wishes,

John W. Reps
Professor Emeritus

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January 26, 1993

Dear John:

I was in Syria and Turkey when your summer 1992 letter was sent to me and you were off to Australia. The double delay probably caused the needed answer to fall between the cracks.

Cities of the Mississippi sounds wonderful. I am delighted to have the St. Louis news you selected included in it. You have our enthusiastic consent. I look forward to a copy as late this summer we are going on the Mississippi Queen from Minneapolis to St. Louis.

Please don't stop writing and publishing.

Our best,

Eric & Evelyn Newman